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OWNER'S MANUAL

FN HERSTAL FNP9 / FNP9-M cal.9x19 pistol

NEW GUN OWNER'S RECORD

Model : .....

Serial number (*) : .....

Date of purchase : .....

Purchased from : .....

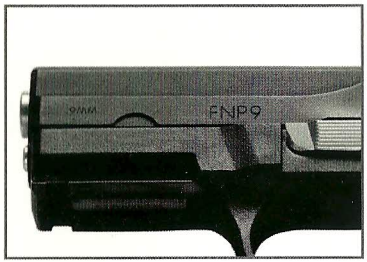
Purchase price : .....

Caution :

This manual has been written exclusively for the FN HERSTAL FNP9 / FNP9-M pistol.

Warnings and instructions are different for each type of pistol

If your FN HERSTAL pistol has inscriptions other than "FNP9", "9MM" and/or "FNP9-M" on its front left side or if the external appearance of the pistol does not correspond to the illustrations of this manual, you must contact your dealer / departmental armorer or write us immediately to obtain the free owner's manual that has been written specifically for your pistol.



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(*) The serial number of your pistol is indicated, together with a bar-code, underneath the front part of the frame.

Foreword

We are pleased that you have chosen a FN HERSTAL FNP9 / FNP9-M autoloading, single-and-double-action pistol which stands for the highest level of reliability, consistent performance and functional design and which provides the operating precision and safety expected from a personal defence weapon.

The pistol, which complies with the latest technical evolutions in weapon design for military, law enforcement and sporting use, has been conceived based on the experience of a whole team of experts in every field related to semi-automatic pistols.

Simple in design and compact, the pistol is very easy to maintain : with a reasonable amount of care, your FN HERSTAL FNP9 / FNP9-M should give you many years of dependable, enjoyable service.

In order to take maximum advantage of the many features of your FN HERSTAL FNP9 / FNP9-M, regularly review this owner's manual which should be kept in the slot especially provided in the storage box of the pistol.

Please feel free to write us if you have any observation or question regarding the performance or the operation of your pistol.

Thank you

Safety and warranty notes

Like all firearms, the FNP9 / FNP9-M pistol, if handled in a careless or reckless manner, can be very dangerous.

For that reason, the pistol has been sold under the express understanding that FN HERSTAL declines any responsibility and invalidates any guarantee and liability claims for incidental or consequential damages (injuries, loss of use of property, commercial loss, loss of earnings and profits, ...) resulting in whole or partly from :

- *a discharge with criminal intent or through negligence*
- *improper or careless handling*
- *unauthorized servicing*
- *the modification or the alteration of the basic pistol design*
- *the use of non-original parts*
- *the manipulation of the safety devices*
- *the use of incorrect "arms & ammunition" combinations*
- *the use of defective, unsafe, ... ammunition*
- *an inadequate care of the pistol (e.g. corrosion, damage)*
- *a disregard of malfunctions*
- *a resale in contradiction to legislation*
- *other circumstances beyond our direct and immediate control*

FN HERSTAL reserves the right to refuse servicing a pistol which has been modified (removal of metal from the barrel, modifications of the firing mechanism and/or other parts, ...) and will, in such a case, always recommend to restore the pistol to its original specifications. Parts and labor required for such a restoration are payable by the owner of the pistol.

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1. SAFETY INFORMATION

As a gun owner, you accept a set of demanding responsibilities. How seriously you take these responsibilities can mean the difference between life and death.

There is no excuse for careless or abusive handling of any firearm. At all times, handle your FNP9 / FNP9-M and any other firearm with intense respect for its power and potential danger.

Read and understand the cautions and proper handling procedures outlined in this booklet before using your new firearm.

☑ Always keep the muzzle of your pistol pointed in a safe direction.

Never point any firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot. Be extremely alert and aware of all persons and property within the range of your ammunition.

☑ Never rely totally on your firearm's mechanical "safety" devices.

Always assume that your pistol can be fired at any time, even with all safety mechanisms engaged.

The FNP9 / FNP9-M pistol has no external safety. With a round in the chamber, this pistol is always ready to fire. The FNP9 / FNP9-M has several passive safety mechanisms that enhance safety.

As with other pistols and revolvers, you must always treat your FNP9 / FNP9-M as ready-to-fire, and only load a round when shooting is imminent.

Like any mechanical device, a "safety" can sometimes fail; it can be jarred or inadvertently manipulated into an unsafe condition.

Mechanical "safeties" merely aid safe gun handling and are no excuse for pointing your gun's muzzle in an unsafe direction.

While it is a good idea to "test" your pistol's mechanical "safeties" periodically for proper function, never test them while your pistol is loaded or pointed in an unsafe direction.

Safe gun handling does not stop with your gun's mechanical "safety" devices : it starts there. Always treat this pistol with the respect due to a loaded, ready-to-fire pistol.

☑ Do not carry your FNP9 / FNP9-M with a round in the chamber.

For good safety practice, it is recommended that a round is not chambered until immediately before you will fire the pistol.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department on carrying a loaded pistol with a round in the chamber.

☑ The recommended carrying position of your FNP9 / FNP9-M is with the hammer in the decocked position.

In order to decock the hammer, proceed as described in § 4.4.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department on carrying your pistol.

☑ Whenever you handle your FNP9 / FNP9-M, or hand it to someone, make sure it is completely unloaded.

To fully unload your FNP9 / FNP9-M, proceed as described in § 4.7.

It is vital that, when unloading, you remove the magazine from your pistol so that a round is not automatically chambered when you close the slide.

☑ Do not transport your pistol loaded.

Keep it unloaded, whether stored in a holster, gun case, or other container.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department on carrying a loaded pistol in your holster.

☑ Beware of barrel obstructions.

When preparing to shoot your pistol, check for a barrel obstruction as follows : first fully unload the pistol as described in § 4.7.

Be certain no live round is in the chamber !

Then glance down the barrel to be sure it is clear of any obstruction. It takes only a small obstruction to dangerously increase pressures. Before the first firing, clean the bore with a cleaning rod and rag, and wipe away any anti-rust compounds in the chamber and around the slide.

☑ Be alert to the signs of ammunition malfunction.

If you detect an off sound or light recoil when a round is fired, do not load another round into the chamber. Fully unload the pistol as described in § 4.7.

With the slide open, glance down the barrel to make sure that an obstruction does not remain in the barrel.

If there is an obstruction, completely clear the barrel before loading and firing again.

Failure to follow these instructions can cause extensive damage to your pistol and possible serious injury to yourself and others.

☑ Be certain your pistol is completely unloaded before cleaning.

Because so many gun accidents occur when a firearm is being cleaned, special and extreme care should be taken to be sure your gun is unloaded before disassembly, cleaning and reassembly. Keep ammunition away from the cleaning location. Never test the mechanical function of any firearm with live ammunition.

☑ Always completely unload your pistol when not in use.

Your responsibilities do not end when your firearm is unattended. Store your pistol and ammunition separately and well beyond the reach of children. Take all safeguards to ensure that your pistol does not become available to untrained, inexperienced or unwelcome hands.

At all times, comply with the local and state laws.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department on storing your pistol.

☑ Use the proper ammunition.

The barrel and the slide of this pistol have been made with substantial safety margins over the pressures developed by established American commercial loads. However, FN HERSTAL assumes no liability for accidents which occur through the use of rounds of nonstandard dimensions or that develop pressures in excess of commercially available ammunition that has been loaded in accordance with standards established by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI).

FN HERSTAL cannot assume any responsibility for the use of unsafe or improper arms and ammunition combinations. It is your responsibility to read and heed all warnings in this owner's manual and on ammunition boxes.

☑ Examine every round you put in your FNP9 / FNP9-M pistol.

Your FNP9 / FNP9-M (cal.9x19) pistol is designed and chambered for 9 mm Luger (Parabellum) rounds. The chambering for your pistol is printed clearly on the barrel.

Failure to use correct ammunition may result in serious injury to yourself or others.

☑ Make sure of adequate ventilation in the area that you discharge a firearm. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure to ammunition or cleaning a firearm.

Lead exposure can be obtained from discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms or handling ammunition. Lead is a substance that has been known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm and other serious injury.

☑ Keep your fingers away from the trigger while cocking the hammer, unloading, loading and removing the magazine.

Only touch the trigger when you are ready to shoot.

☑ Do not snap the firing pin on an empty chamber : the chamber may not be empty !

Treat every pistol with the respect due to a loaded pistol, even though you are certain the pistol is unloaded.

☑ Be sure of your target and backstop.

Take additional care during low light periods. Know the range of your ammunition. Never shoot at water or hard objects.

☑ Dropping your FNP9 / FNP9-M when loaded can cause an accidental discharge even with the hammer in the decocked position.

Be extremely careful while hunting or during any shooting activity, to avoid dropping any firearm.

☑ Always completely unload your pistol's chamber before crossing a fence, climbing a tree, jumping a ditch or negotiating other obstacles.

Never place your pistol on a car or on any unstable object.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department.

☑ If your FNP9 / FNP9-M fails to fire, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Hold this position for a minimum of 30 seconds. Remove the magazine. Carefully open the slide and remove the round.

If the primer is indented, the round should be disposed of in a way that it cannot cause harm.

If the primer is not indented, completely unload the pistol. Your firearm should be examined by a qualified gunsmith and the cause of the malfunction should be corrected before further use.

☑ Wear eye and ear protection when shooting.

Unprotected, repeated exposure to gunfire can cause hearing damage. Wear ear protectors (shooting earplugs or muffs) to guard against such damage.

Wear shooting glasses to protect your eyes from flying particles. Always keep a safe distance between the muzzle of your firearm and any persons nearby, as muzzle blast, debris and ejecting shells could inflict serious injury.

Also, wear eye protection when disassembling and cleaning your pistol to prevent the possibility of springs, spring-tensioned parts, solvents or other agents from contacting your eyes.

☑ Be defensive and on guard against unsafe gun handling around you and others.

Don't be timid when it comes to gun safety. If you observe other shooters violating any of these safety precautions, politely suggest safer handling practices.

☑ Supervise and teach firearms safety to all members of your family.

This is especially important when children and non-shooters are involved. Closely supervise newcomers to the shooting sports. Encourage enrollment in hunting/shooting safety courses.

☑ Never drink alcoholic beverages or take any type of drugs before or during shooting.

Your vision and judgment could be dangerously impaired, making your pistol handling unsafe to you or to others.

☑ Periodic maintenance : avoid unauthorized servicing.

Your FNP9 / FNP9-M is a mechanical device which will not last forever, and as such, is subject to wear and requires periodic inspection, adjustment, and service. Like all FN HERSTAL firearms, your pistol should be serviced by a FN HERSTAL Recommended Service Center.

FN HERSTAL cannot assume any responsibility for injuries suffered or caused by unauthorized servicing, alterations or modifications of FN HERSTAL firearms.

☑ FN HERSTAL reserves the right to refuse service on firearms that have been altered, added to or substantially changed.

Removal of metal from the barrel or modifications of the firing mechanism and/or operating parts may lead to FN HERSTAL's refusal of service on such firearms. FN HERSTAL will charge the owner for parts and labor to return the firearm to original FN HERSTAL specifications.

Read and heed all warnings in this owner's manual, on ammunition boxes and with all accessories that you install on your firearm.

It is your responsibility to secure the most up-to-date information on the safe handling procedures for your FN HERSTAL pistol.

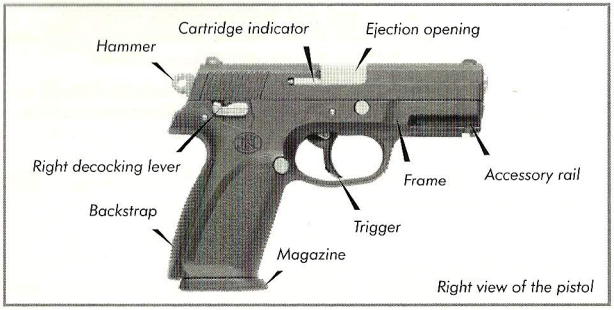
FN HERSTAL assumes no liability for incidents which occur when unsafe or improper pistol accessories or ammunition combinations are used.

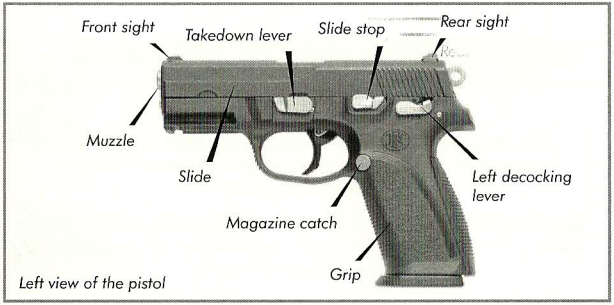
It can be very dangerous to alter firing mechanism parts of this or any firearm.

BE CAREFUL !

2. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

2.1. Nomenclature





In conventional gun terminology, the position and movement of pistol parts are described as they occur with the pistol horizontal and in normal firing position : the muzzle is forward or front, the pistol grip is rearward or rear, the trigger is downward or underneath, the sights are upward or on top.

The 2 above illustrations show the pistol with the curved backstrap. If desired, the ergonomics of the pistol grip can be modified by replacing the backstrap (for more information, refer to § 9.1).

2.2. Functioning

General

The FNP9 / FNP9-M pistol is a modern 9 x 19 mm (9 mm Luger) semi-automatic, single-and-double-action pistol functioning on the principle of the short recoil of the barrel.

With the chamber and the magazine loaded, the pistol will fire a single shot each time the trigger is pulled until the magazine and the chamber are empty.

The slide of this pistol is designed to stay open after the last round has been fired.

Operation of the hammer

If the hammer is not in the cocked position, the first shot will be double-action (stronger and longer trigger pull).

Hammer decocked

--> Double-action firing

Hammer cocked

--> Single-action firing

If, after a double-action shot, the hammer is not decocked by the left or right decocking lever (also refer to § 4.4), the following shots will be single-action (lighter and shorter trigger pull).

Firing

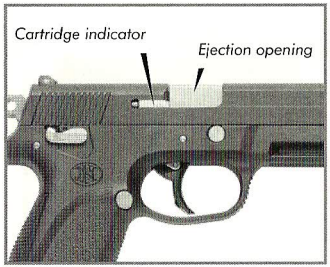
When the trigger is pulled, the hammer hits the firing pin which, on its turn, hits the base of the round, resulting in firing.

The recoil force causes the slide to be moved backwards. During this backward movement of the slide, the empty case of the round is ejected out of the ejection window and the hammer is cocked.

After that, and if there is still a round in the magazine, the slide moves forwards by the force of the return spring. During this movement, the slide causes a new round to be chambered.

The slide remains open (engaged by the slide stop) after the last round has been shot (empty magazine).

Cartridge indicator



If the cartridge indicator, located at the right side of the pistol, just behind the ejection opening, is protruding, this means that there is a cartridge in the chamber.

Safety features

Besides a visible hammer (which allows you to determine if the pistol is cocked or not), the pistol has no external safeties : with a round in the chamber, this pistol is always ready to fire.

Please note that the two decocking levers do not act as a safety that blocks the firing mechanism of the pistol. The decocking levers have only been provided to set the pistol, if necessary, into the safer double-action condition.

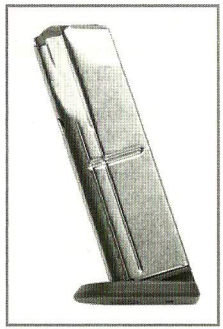
The pistol has however been provided with internal mechanical safety devices in order to prevent an accidental discharge if the pistol is dropped, receives a severe blow on the muzzle, ...

These safety features ensure that the pistol can be carried safely and that it nevertheless offers a permanent, rapid firing readiness without having to actuate a manual safety lock.

Please note that failure of a safety device can occur when the pistol is subjected to extreme forces or conditions normally not encountered in a normal sports, law enforcement or military environment.

2.3. Magazines and ammunition

Magazines



The magazines of the FNP9 pistol have a capacity of 16 rounds.

With an additional round in the chamber, the FNP9 pistol has a total capacity of 17 rounds.

The magazines of the FNP9-M pistol have a capacity of 15 rounds.

With an additional round in the chamber, the FNP9-M pistol has a total capacity of 16 rounds.

The magazine type is unique for the pistol type and should not be used in other ones. No other magazine type should be used in your pistol.

Its specialized, advanced design makes the magazine highly reliable and results in a very easy maintenance and cleaning.

Some states limit the magazine capacity to 10 rounds plus one in the chamber.

All the FNP9 / FNP9-M pistols sold in those states will be shipped with magazines with reduced total magazine capacity in compliance with the current state law.

A 10-round magazine for the FNP9 / FNP9-M pistols can be identified by the number '10' stamped under the lowest ammunition visualisation hole at the rear side of the magazine : make sure you have verified the capacity of your magazine before inserting it into your pistol.

The magazine pops out when pressing the magazine catch provided on the left side of the pistol.

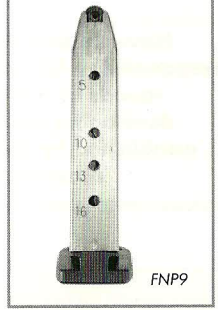
It is recommended to use the thumb of the shooting hand (be careful to catch the magazine when it pops out).

The magazine catch is reversible and can be provided at the right side : if required, contact your dealer / departmental armorer.

The rear of the magazine has been provided with four holes which allow you to estimate the number of rounds left.

In case of a FNP9 pistol : if the base of a round is visible in the hole '16', the magazine is fully loaded while the other holes simply offer you the possibility to estimate the number of rounds still in the magazine.

In case of a FNP9-M pistol : if the base of a round is visible in the hole '15', the magazine is fully loaded while the other holes simply offer you the possibility to estimate the number of rounds still in the magazine.



The rear of a 10-round magazine has been provided with two holes.

In this manual, it is assumed that the ammunition visualisation holes of the magazine are at the "rear" and the round feeding opening is at the "top".

Ammunition

The pistol should only be used with 9 x 19 mm (9 mm Luger) ammunition.

This is indicated by an inscription engraved in the front left side of the slide and the upper rear side of the barrel (visible through the ejection opening).

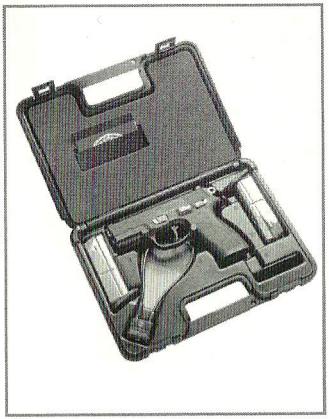
The barrel and the slide have been conceived with substantial safety margins in order to be able to cope with the pressures developed by established American commercial loads.

Nevertheless, FN HERSTAL cannot assume any responsibility for incidents which result from the use of rounds of non-standard dimensions or those developing pressures exceeding the standards established by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI).

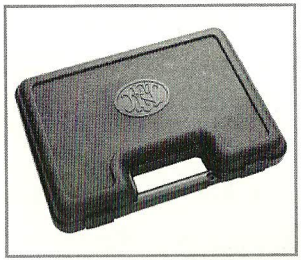
EXAMINE EACH ROUND BEFORE YOU PUT IT IN YOUR PISTOL !

3. CONTENTS OF THE STORAGE BOX

The pistol and its accessories are supplied in a practical storage box.



Use the safety lock to safely store and transport the pistol (always keep the keys at a different place).



Contents of the storage box :

- *A pistol*
- *A safety lock + 2 keys*
- *FNP9 :*
  Three 16-round magazines (*)
  FNP9-M :
  Three 15-round magazines (*)
- *A backstrap*
- *An owner's manual*

(*) Three 10-round magazines if required by law

4. USING THE PISTOL

4.1. Safety checks

Carry out the following procedure in order to ensure that the pistol can be manipulated, stored and/or transported without any risk :

❖ Press the magazine catch in order to eject the magazine.

If the magazine does not pop out, pull on its bottom plate.

❖ Pull the slide fully backwards and hold it in that position. Press the slide stop upwards and then let the slide move forwards under control until it is held open by the slide stop.

❖ Via the ejection opening, look into the chamber of the pistol in order to ensure that there is no round in the chamber.

If there is a round in the chamber, unload the pistol as described in § 4.7.

❖ Release the slide by pushing downwards on the slide stop and then let the slide move forwards under control.

❖ Decock the hammer as described in § 4.4.

❖ Ensure that the magazine is empty.

If the magazine is not empty, unload it as described in § 4.7.

If necessary, also unload the spare magazines.

Initial cleaning

Never fire the pistol upon purchase or after it has been stored for more than 10 days without cleaning it first.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department.

❖ Carry out the cleaning and lubrication procedure (see § 6).

If the pistol contains hardened grease or other substances that you cannot remove, have the weapon checked by your dealer / departmental armorer.

Keep your fingers away from the trigger while unloading, loading and removing the magazine.

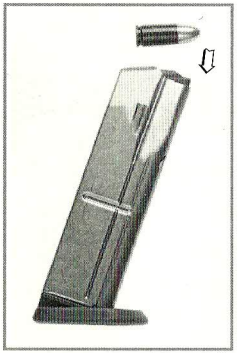
Only touch the trigger when you are ready to shoot.

4.2. Loading the magazine

As explained in § 2.3, two kinds of magazines are available for each model.
For the FNP9 pistol : 16-round magazines or 10-round magazines.
For the FNP9-M pistol : 15-round magazines or 10-round magazines.

❖ If the magazine to be loaded is still in the pistol, press on the magazine catch in order to eject it.

❖ Load the rounds, one by one, into the magazine.



Place the round on the wider part of the upper lips of the magazine and, with the thumb, push it downwards (against the force of the follower spring inside the magazine) and then backwards until it locks into position.

The holes at the rear side of the magazine allow you to estimate the number of rounds present in the magazine.

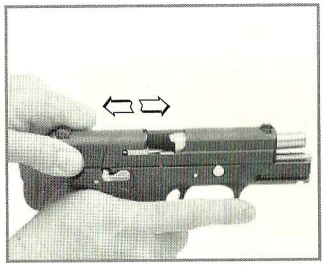
It is recommended only to load the number of rounds you intend to shoot. Do not insert the magazine back into the pistol nor load a round into the chamber unless shooting is imminent. Never keep a loaded magazine next to the pistol.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department on carrying a loaded pistol with a round in the chamber.

4.3. Loading the pistol

It is assumed that the chamber of the pistol is empty, that the pistol does not contain a magazine and that the slide is closed.

❖ Insert a loaded magazine into the handgrip and push it fully home until it locks into position.



❖ Being extremely careful not to touch the trigger, hold the pistol in your firing hand, point in a safe direction, pull the slide fully backwards with the other hand and then release the slide which returns under spring force.

This causes the hammer to be cocked and the first round to be loaded into the chamber.

In order to ensure a correct chambering of the round, let the slide "slam" forwards under the force of the spring, do not ease it forwards.

Be careful !
The pistol can now be fired by simply pulling the trigger !

If the pistol is not used immediately, decock the hammer by proceeding as described in § 4.4.

4.4. Decocking the hammer

If you do not intend to shoot immediately, and in order to obtain the most safe condition, the pistol should be set for double-action shooting which means that the hammer should be decocked.

If it is necessary to decock the hammer, proceed as follows :

❖ Point the pistol in a safe direction.

❖ Without touching the trigger, push down on the left or right decocking lever with your thumb.

As a result, the hammer will move towards the decocked position where it is halted without firing.

During this operation, safety is ensured by a mechanical blockage of the firing pin.

Decocking lever

After this operation, the pistol can still be fired by pulling the trigger : firing will require a longer and stronger pull on the trigger.

Never try to cock the hammer by pulling the trigger.

Only for law enforcement and military use !

The hammer can be cocked manually by using the thumb of the shooting hand so that the pistol can be set from double-action to single-action without having to move the slide (e.g. when it is not allowed to make too much noise).

4.5. Firing

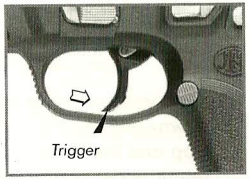
Ensure that § 6.1. "Cleaning and lubrication before firing" has been carried out.

❖ If not already done, load the pistol as described in § 4.3.

❖ Point the pistol at a safe target.

When firing, the slide will move approx. 3/4" past the rear end of the frame : never hold your hand in a position where it could be hit by the slide and never hold the pistol close to the eyes when aiming !!

❖ With your finger, pull the trigger to fire the first round.


Trigger

If the hammer is decocked, the first shot will be double-action.

During double-action shooting, the hammer is first cocked and then released (stronger and longer trigger pull).

If the hammer is not manually decocked after the shot, the following shot will be single-action (lighter and shorter trigger pull).

❖ Keep the pistol pointed at the target and fire further rounds as required.

At each shot, the pistol will cock the hammer, eject the used cartridge case and feed a round from the magazine into the chamber.

If the pistol is fired until the magazine is empty, the slide will remain open when the last round has been fired.

If the shooting is interrupted, even shortly, decock the hammer as described in § 4.4 : the pistol returns to the safer double-action condition.

After the shooting, remove the magazine and unload the pistol.

4.6. Reloading during shooting

After having fired the last round, the slide remains in the open position.

In such a case, the empty magazine can quickly be replaced by a loaded one, by proceeding as follows :

- ❖ Press on the magazine catch in order to eject the magazine.
- ❖ Insert a loaded magazine into the handgrip and push it fully home until it locks into position.
- ❖ Release the slide by pushing downwards on the slide stop and then let the slide return under spring force : this causes the first round to be chambered.

During this operation, be careful not to touch the trigger.

Please note that the hammer is still in the cocked position : the pistol will be ready to fire in single-action.

It is also possible, but not so efficient, to disengage the slide stop by pulling the slide fully backwards and then releasing it.

- ❖ Continue firing.

4.7. Unloading the pistol

- ❖ If the hammer is cocked, decock it as described in § 4.4.
- ❖ Press the magazine catch in order to eject the magazine.

  If the magazine does not pop out, pull on its bottom plate.
- ❖ Pull the slide fully backwards in order to eject the remaining round from the chamber and then release the slide.

  If the slide is already automatically locked into the backward position after having fired the last round, this step should be skipped.

  Do not forget to pick-up, clean and store the ejected round.
- ❖ Pull the slide fully backwards, lock it into its rear position by using the slide stop and then ensure (via the ejection opening) that the chamber is completely empty.
- ❖ Release the slide by pushing downwards on the slide stop and then let the slide move forwards under control.
- ❖ Decock the hammer as described in § 4.4.
- ❖ Unload the magazine by removing the rounds one by one.

  Slightly push down on the rear part of the top round and then carefully push it out and release it from the lips of the magazine.

  Repeat this procedure until the magazine is completely empty.

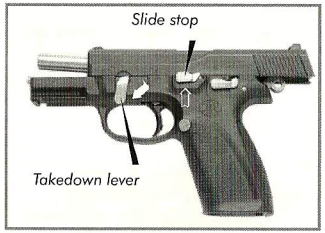
  Do not forget to unload the spare magazines as well.
- ❖ Insert the empty magazine back into the pistol and then push it fully home.

5. FIELD STRIPPING

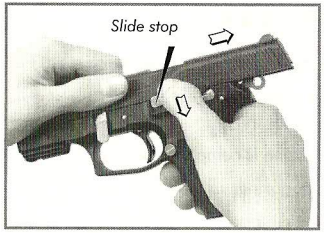
5.1. Disassembling the pistol

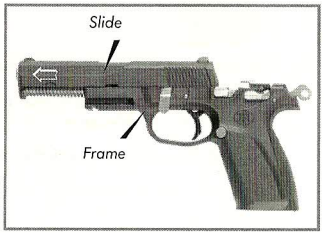
It is very important to become familiar with the disassembly procedure of the pistol as disassembly is required during the cleaning and lubrication procedure which ensures reliable operation of the pistol.

- Completely unload the pistol as described in § 4.7.
- Pull the slide fully backwards and then lock it into its rear position by pressing the slide stop upwards.
- At the left side of the pistol, lower the takedown lever.



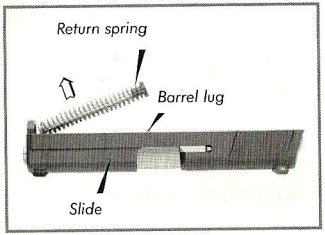
- While holding it into its rear position with one hand, release the slide by pushing downwards on the slide stop.

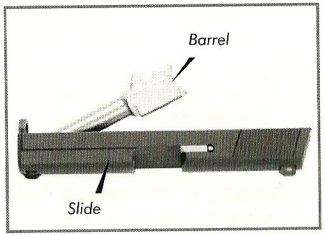




- Still holding the slide, let it slowly return forwards and continue this movement in order to separate the slide from the frame.
- Hold the slide upside down.

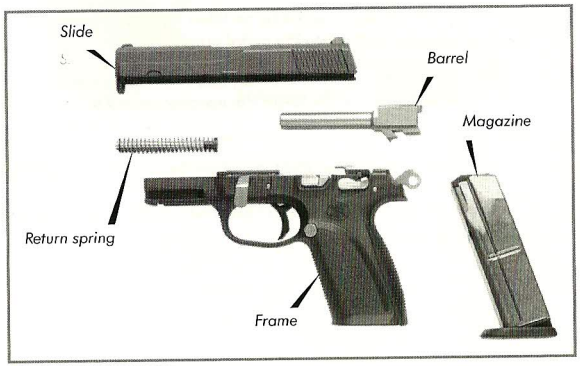
- While compressing the return spring, release its rear end from the barrel lug and then lift the spring up and out of the slide.





- Grip the barrel by its lug and then lift it up and out of the slide.

This level of disassembly is sufficient to perform thorough cleaning : further disassembly should only be carried out by an authorized armorer or by FN HERSTAL.



To reassemble the pistol, follow the above steps in reverse order, taking into account the following points :

- Ensure that all the components of the pistol are perfectly clean.
- When inserting the barrel back into the slide, ensure that the barrel muzzle is oriented correctly and that the barrel itself fits correctly into its housing.
- Ensure that the front end of the return spring fits correctly into its housing in the slide and that the rear end of the spring fits correctly onto the barrel lug.

  If the return spring is not installed correctly, it may fly out and cause injury.

- When fitting the slide back onto the frame of the pistol, ensure that the grooves in the slide fit correctly onto the guides on the frame.

  Please note that the slide cannot be re-fitted onto the frame when a magazine has been fitted into the pistol grip.

  If, for any reason, the hammer is decocked, cock it by pulling it back with the thumb in order to facilitate the installation of the slide.

  Warning !

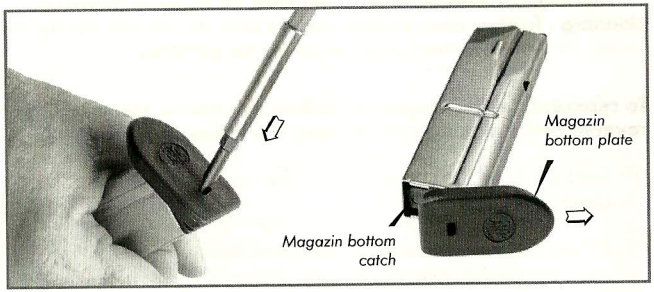
  Never cock the hammer in this way when the pistol is reassembled !

- After having re-assembled the pistol, decock the hammer as described in § 4.4.

5.2. Disassembling the magazine

Disassembling the magazine takes only a few seconds and should be a part of the normal pistol's maintenance.

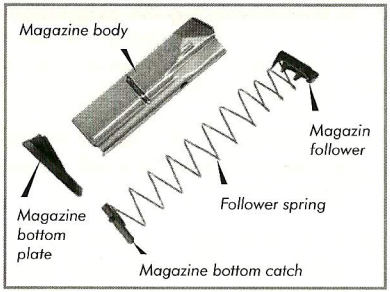
- If not already done, press the magazine catch in order to eject the magazine from the pistol and unload it completely (refer to § 4.7).
- Using a tool such as a screwdriver, press on the protruding part of the magazine bottom catch through the hole in the magazine bottom plate.



Hold the catch in that position and then slide the magazin bottom plate halfway forwards.

- While holding the magazine bottom catch (which is subjected to the force of the follower spring) in position, slide the magazine bottom plate off the magazine body and then carefully release the pressure on the follower spring.

❖ Remove the follower spring together with the magazine follower and the magazine bottom catch.



This level of disassembly is sufficient to perform thorough cleaning : further disassembly should only be carried out by an authorized armorer or by FN HERSTAL.

To reassemble the magazine, follow the above steps in reverse order, taking into account the following points :

- Ensure that all the components of the magazine are perfectly clean.
- Ensure that the magazine follower and the magazine bottom catch fit correctly onto the follower spring and that the assembly is oriented correctly.
- The magazine bottom plate can only be slid back into position when the magazine bottom catch is pushed far enough into the magazine body.
- Ensure that the magazine bottom plate correctly locks into position.

6. CLEANING AND LUBRICATION

The frequency at which the pistol should be cleaned and lubricated depends on the ammunition used, the weather and shooting conditions and other external factors.

A good rule is to clean and lubricate the pistol after every use or, in case of intensive shooting, after each 300 rounds : correct maintenance will enhance the longevity of your pistol.

Excessively dirty ammunition may require more frequent cleaning and too much dirt can affect the functioning of even the finest firearm.

It is important to keep your pistol clean and correctly lubricated !

Do not use too much lubricant as this could cause the build-up of dirt, grit or powder residue which could affect the functioning of the pistol.

The polymer frame of your FNP9 / FNP9-M pistol does not require lubrication.

Never use hydrocarbons, trichlorethylene, ammonia nor teflon-based lubricants : they could cause damage to the pistol !

Before cleaning the pistol, ALWAYS ensure that it is unloaded (also refer to § 4.7).

Keep the ammunition away from the cleaning site and never test the mechanical function of your pistol with live ammunition.

6.1. Cleaning and lubrication before firing

The following procedure assumes that the pistol has correctly been cleaned and lubricated the last time it has been used (also refer to § 6.2).

- ❖ Disassemble the pistol.
- ❖ Using a cleaning rag holder and clean rags (pieces of flannel) and working back and forth, remove the maintenance lubricant from the inside of the barrel until the last rag is clean.

  Be careful not to scratch or damage the muzzle as this can affect accuracy : it is recommended to clean from the rear side.
- ❖ Remove the maintenance lubricant from the outside of the barrel and then from the slide, the return spring and the frame.
- ❖ Lightly lubricate the outside of the barrel with functional lubricant.
- ❖ Reassemble the slide, the barrel and the return spring.
- ❖ Lightly lubricate all the moving surfaces with functional lubricant.
- ❖ Reassemble the pistol.

Before each shooting sequence, ALWAYS check the barrel for obstructions and ensure that it is dry and clean.

Completely unload the pistol, ensure that there is no round in the chamber of the pistol and then glance down the barrel in order to ensure that it is free of any obstruction.

Take into account that the smallest obstruction can dangerously increase pressures.

6.2. Cleaning and lubrication after firing

- ❖ Disassemble the pistol.
- ❖ Using a cleaning brush or a spray, apply solvent inside the barrel and let the product work a few minutes.
- ❖ Using a cleaning rag holder and clean rags (pieces of flannel) and working back and forth, remove the functional lubricant, the solvent and the residues from the inside of the barrel until the last rag is clean.

  Be careful not to scratch or damage the muzzle as this can affect accuracy : it is recommended to clean from the rear side.
- ❖ When the barrel is clean, again use a piece of flannel, this time moistened with maintenance lubricant, to protect the inside of the barrel until the next use.

  Please note that the inside of the barrel should be wiped dry before shooting (also refer to § 6.1).
- ❖ Using a cleaning brush and solvent, remove any carbon and other deposits from the areas of the pistol attracting powder and primer residues : the slide, the chamber, the extractor, ...
- ❖ Using a soft cloth or a rag (if necessary, dipped in solvent), remove any dirt from the magazine housing of the frame.
- ❖ Thoroughly clean all the parts of the pistol in order to remove the functional lubricant and the dirt.

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❖ Check the disassembled parts of the pistol for signs of wear and/or damage.

In case of doubt about the condition of a part, consult your dealer / departmental armorer.

❖ Using a piece of flannel moistened with maintenance lubricant, lightly apply lubricant to all the external surfaces of the metal parts.

Please note that the polymer grip does not require lubrication.

❖ Reassemble the slide, the barrel and the return spring.

❖ Apply one drop of maintenance lubricant to the slide rails, to the barrel lug and to the barrel muzzle.

❖ Reassemble the pistol.

❖ Clean the outside of the pistol in order to remove dirt, finger prints and excessive lubricant.

6.3. Cleaning and lubrication of the magazine

❖ Disassemble the magazine.

❖ Thoroughly clean all the parts of the magazine (if necessary, use solvent).

❖ Using a piece of flannel moistened with magazine lubricant, lightly apply lubricant to all the external surfaces of the metal parts.

Wipe off excess lubricant. Ensure that the inside of the magazine is dry.

❖ Reassemble the magazine.

7. TAKING CARE OF THE PISTOL

☑ Always keep the pistol in immaculate condition and good working order.

☑ Always clean and lubricate the pistol after use.

☑ Regularly inspect the pistol, its parts and the accessories.

If something seems abnormal, don't hesitate to report it to your dealer / departmental armorer.

☑ Never modify or repair parts of your pistol (or any other one) by yourself.

Your pistol is a mechanical device subject to wear and which will not last forever : it requires periodic inspection, adjustment and service.

The pistol should be checked every 2000 rounds and/or once a year because damage, wear, corrosion, ... are not always visible from the outside.
For that purpose, send the pistol to your dealer.

Law enforcement and military personnel have a departmental armorer which will inspect the pistol on a yearly basis.

FN HERSTAL cannot assume any responsibility for injuries caused by unauthorized servicing, alterations or modifications to its firearms.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

If a problem cannot be solved by the few directives given below, the pistol should be restricted for further use and examined by your dealer / departmental armorer.

The round is not chambered

The magazine has not been inserted correctly, is dirty or damaged

Improper ammunition is used

The magazine has not been loaded correctly

The slide does not close properly

See above

The pistol is dirty or too heavily lubricated

The empty round jams in the chamber or at the ejection opening

Insufficient recoil due to the pistol being dirty

The ammunition gives insufficient recoil force

The pistol is not lubricated enough or is not lubricated at all

The pistol is dirty or too heavily lubricated

Hammer strikes but no discharge

Defective round

Hard primers

9. ACCESSORIES

9.1. Backstraps

In order to ensure an optimum grip of the pistol in function of the height and the ergonomics of the shooter, 2 types of backstraps (a curved and a straight) have been supplied with the pistol.

If desired, the backstrap can be replaced by proceeding as follows :

- Using a 3 mm screwdriver, unscrew and remove the backstrap retaining screw.
- Taking into account that some force may be required, remove the presently installed backstrap by pushing it downwards.

- Install the other backstrap by following the above steps in reverse order.

9.2. Accessory rail

The frame of the FNP9 / FNP9-M pistol has been provided with a rail onto which accessories such as a laser, a torch, ... can be installed.

10. OTHERS

Sight adjustment

Never try to adjust the sights yourself but ask your dealer / departmental armorer.

Lubricants

FN HERSTAL recommends using lubricant MIL-PRF-63460 (NATO S-758) or equivalent.

Some solvents can be harmful to the surface finish of the pistol, so consult your dealer / departmental armorer.

Disposal

Strictly observe the current national legislation concerning the disposal of handguns, return the pistol to your dealer / departmental armorer or, if it is not contrary to the current national legislation, send it back to FN HERSTAL.

11. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber	:	9 mm Parabellum (9 mm Luger)
Type of fire	:	Semi-automatic
Trigger pull	:	Single-action : 3.96 - 5.06 lbs Double-action : 8.8 - 12.1 lbs
Weight	:	FNP9 / FNP9-M with empty magazine : 24.8 oz FNP9 with full 16-round magazine : 31.4 oz FNP9-M with full 15-round magazine : 31.0 oz
Length	:	FNP9 : 7.40" FNP9-M : 7.09"
Height	:	FNP9 : 5.40" FNP9-M : 5.00"
Width	:	1.55"
Barrel length	:	FNP9 : 4.00" (bore and chamber) FNP9-M : 3.79" (bore and chamber)
Rifled length	:	3.15"
Number of grooves	:	5
Twist and direction	:	6", right-hand
Magazine capacity	:	FNP9 : 16 rounds FNP9-M : 15 rounds
Length of line of sight	:	6"
Effective range	:	55 yd
Lethal range	:	886 yd
Maximum range	:	1887 yd

All specifications subject to changes without notice.